



# **VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS**

**September 20, 2013**

**The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from September 13, 2013 – September 19, 2013. Readers are reminded that an “arrest” is based upon probable cause and does not always mean that someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean that an individual is automatically guilty of a crime. Judicial outcomes and post-arrest proceedings can be researched through the appropriate court’s website.**

**(VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS is not meant to be a listing of every incident or call handled by the Vienna Police, but merely a more substantive summary of several incidents, which may be of interest to the community. Some reports may be outside the date parameters due to extended investigations or other circumstances. Some cases are not included at all due to ongoing investigations. Please contact MPO Gary Lose for further information at [glose@viennava.gov](mailto:glose@viennava.gov))**

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## **INCIDENTS**

### **Fraud 13-9438**

**900 Block Plum Street, SW**

**Between July 01 at 9:00 a.m. and September 18 at 9:00 a.m.**

A resident reported that an unknown person had opened a PayPal “Bill Me Later” account using his personal information.

This case is being investigated.

### **Police Service 13-9258**

**300 Block Meadow Lane, SW**

**September 07 at 9:00 a.m.**

A citizen advised she located four guns inside her deceased father’s home. She requested that the guns be destroyed.

**Animal Case 13-9230****Vienna Bargains****132 Maple Avenue, West****September 10 at 5:30 p.m.**

A citizen reported that he had been bitten by a dog on the sidewalk. ACO Barker responded and the dog has been placed under quarantine for ten days.

ACO Barker will follow up with this case.

**Attempted Burglary – 13-9309****600 Block Niblick Drive, SE****Between September 11 at 12:00 a.m. and September 13 at 7:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that he believed an unknown person had attempted to break into his home via the French doors on the back deck.

PFC Lyons responded and noted several pry marks on the door, handle and frame.

Entry into the home was not made and no further violations took place.

**Grand Larceny 13-9478****400 Block West Street, NW****September 11 at 9:00 a.m.**

A resident reported that he had ordered a pair of shoes online. Fed Ex advised that the shoes had been delivered on September 11<sup>th</sup>, but the resident could not locate them.

**Assault 13-9255****400 Block Windover Avenue, NW****September 13 at 8:00 a.m.**

An employee at a construction site reported that he had been pushed by another employee during an argument.

PFC Vazquez responded and explained to the employee how to obtain a warrant.

**Fraud 13-9251****900 Block Cottage Street, SW****September 13 at 8:37 a.m.**

A resident reported that she sells Avon products from home. A customer sent a check in exchange for products, but wrote the check for a higher amount than what was owed. He requested that the woman send him the remaining balance.

Once the check cleared, the woman sent the man his money. Two days later, the bank informed her that the check was counterfeit.

This case is being investigated.

**Petit Larceny 13-9342**

**300 Block Park Street, NE**

**September 13 at 9:00 a.m.**

A man reported that his front license plate had been stolen.

**Arrest – Assault 13-9354**

**Sheets Hardware**

**430 Mill Street, NE**

**September 13 at 11:15 a.m.**

A citizen reported that, while at the store to deliver goods, he was assaulted by the owner. Sgt. Juelharte assisted the man with securing an assault warrant from the Magistrate's Office.

MPO Sheeran responded to the business and arrested Mr. David Russell Sheets, 54, of Towlston Road in Great Falls, for Assault. Mr. Sheets was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Mr. Sheets was held on a \$3,500 secured bond.

**Grand Larceny 13-9361**

**100 Block Elm Street, SW**

**Between September 13 at 12:00 p.m. and September 16 at 12:09 p.m.**

A citizen reported that he owns a house that is under construction. At some point, an unknown person had stolen the air conditioning unit from the job site.

This case is being investigated.

**Suspicious Event 13-9263**

**Pennywise Thrift Shop**

**144 Church Street, NE**

**September 13 at 2:51 p.m.**

An employee advised she found items that led her to believe a homeless woman was sleeping underneath the rear porch.

Officer Holcombe responded and advised the woman to contact the police department if the homeless woman returned.

**Arrest - Fraud 13-9268**

**Wells Fargo Bank**

**212 Maple Avenue, East**

**September 13 at 4:39 p.m.**

Bank employees became suspicious of a woman attempting to cash a check. Officer Holcombe responded and found that the check had been stolen and “washed” so that a new amount and ‘Pay to:’ could be written in.

Further investigation revealed that the check had been stolen out of a mailbox in Alexandria the same day.

Officer Holcombe arrested Ms. Cherquandra Prather, 23, of Bass Place in Washington, DC, for Forgery, Uttering and Obtaining Money by False Pretenses (Attempted).

Ms. Prather was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was issued a \$1,000 secured bond.

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**Grand Larceny 13-9436**

**200 Block Windover Avenue, NW**

**September 14 between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that a laptop had been stolen from the home during a wedding.

This case is being investigated.

**Open Door 13-9312**

**The Office of Allen Garai, DDS**

**427 Maple Avenue, West**

**September 14 at 1:34 p.m.**

PFC Vazquez responded to a report of an unlocked door.

PFC Vazquez and Officer Holcombe checked the business and found nothing appeared to be disturbed.

**Suspicious Event 13-9317**

**225 Maple Avenue, East**

**September 14 at 2:52 p.m.**

A woman reported that a man kicked her vehicle after she had honked at him for jaywalking.

PFC Lyons located the man. The man said he felt the woman was driving too fast and got angry after she honked her horn.

PFC Lyons counseled the man about his disorderly conduct and the dangers of being in the middle of the road.

**Arrest – Drunk in Public 13-9327**

**Neighbor's Restaurant**

**262 Cedar Lane, SE**

**September 14 at 10:52 p.m.**

An employee reported that a customer had become too intoxicated and was asked to leave. The customer refused to do so and was bothering other customers.

Sgt. Farhan responded and located the intoxicated individual. Mr. Jose Sorto, 31, of Patrick Street, SE in Vienna, was arrested for Drunk in Public.

Mr. Sorto was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was to be held until he was sober.

**Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 13-9329**

**100 Block Glyndon Street, SE**

**September 15 at 12:26 a.m.**

Officer Digan conducted a traffic stop. Upon interacting with the driver, he observed several signs of intoxication. After failing to complete several field sobriety tests, Officer Digan arrested Mr. Joseph Erfe, 33, of Woodland Crossing Drive in Herndon, for Driving While Intoxicated.

Mr. Erfe was transported to the Vienna Police Station for an analysis of his breath. After providing a sample of breath, Mr. Erfe was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Mr. Erfe was to be held until he was sober.

**Arrest – Drunk in Public 13-9330**

**100 Block Ross Drive, SW**

**September 15 at 12:53 a.m.**

A resident reported that an unknown man was knocking on his front door.

MPO Shaver responded to the area and found the man was intoxicated. He arrested Mr. Enemias Vasquez, 46, of no fixed address, for Drunk in Public.

Mr. Vasquez was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was to be held until he was sober.

**Burglary – 13-9337**

**900 Block Moorefield Creek Road, SW**

**September 15 between 1:00 and 10:28 a.m.**

A resident reported that she found her front door cracked open when she woke up in the morning. An unknown person had stolen her purse, car keys and cell phone.

This case is being investigated.

**Assist EMS – 13-9332**

**7-11**

**537 Maple Avenue, West**

**September 15 at 3:09 a.m.**

Officer Tremont observed a distraught woman enter the store with blood on her shirt. She advised that she had been in a fight at a bar in Fairfax.

Officer Tremont summonsed Fairfax County Fire & Rescue to respond. The woman was transported to Fairfax Hospital.

A Fairfax County police officer responded to investigate the assault.

**Fight 13-9349**

**200 Block Cedar Lane, SE**

**September 15 at 10:36 p.m.**

Officers were dispatched to a fight in progress. MPO Shaver arrived and identified one of the men involved. The man said he had been at a party. He began arguing with an acquaintance and decided to leave. He realized he forgot his cell phone at the party, so he returned to get it. Another argument began outside the party.

After speaking to both parties involved, MPO Shaver determined that no physical fight had occurred.

**Missing Juvenile 13-9350****Holmes Drive, NW****September 15 at 7:30 p.m.**

A resident reported that his 15 year old son had left their home after an argument and did not return in a timely manner. While officers were investigating, the juvenile returned home on his own accord.

Officer Tremont responded to counsel the juvenile.

**Missing Juvenile 13-9351****Lewis Street, NW****September 15 at 11:53 p.m.**

A resident reported that her 15 year old daughter had left their home after she was told not to. The teenager was in contact with her mother via text, saying that she was ok and staying at a friend's house. The teenager would not say where she was.

This case is being investigated.

**Fraud 13-9389****400 Block Orchard Street, NW****Between September 16 at 12:00 p.m. and September 17 at 9:00 a.m.**

A resident reported that he had received a phone call from a man claiming to work for the Fairfax County Tax Department. The caller claimed that the resident owed the County \$4,000 in taxes that needed to be paid immediately. To make payment, the resident was instructed to purchase "green dot money pak cards" and provide the access numbers on the back of the cards.

This case is being investigated.

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**Attempted Fraud 13-9369**  
**500 Block Council Court, NE**  
**September 16 at 6:40 p.m.**

A resident reported that he had received a voicemail from an unknown man who claimed to be an investigator with the "State's Investigation Department". The man claimed the resident owed legal fees and asked to set up a meeting to discuss them.

No personal or financial information was obtained by the man.

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**Fraud 13-9370**  
**Rosemary's Grill**  
**126 Maple Avenue, West**  
**September 16 at 6:53 p.m.**

A business owner reported that he had received a phone call from a man stating he worked for Dominion Power. The man claimed that the electricity to the business would be shut off if the owner did not go to a store and buy a money scratch off to send as payment for the bill.

The alert business owner believed this to be a scam. He called Dominion Power to verify his bill was current before calling the Vienna Police.

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**Suspicious Event 13-9383**  
**Cedar Lane School**  
**101 Cedar Lane, SW**  
**September 17 at 8:00 a.m.**

MPO Simon responded to the school after school officials were informed of a conversation between two students on the school bus. One student wanted to discuss weapons with the other. The other student did not feel comfortable discussing the topic on school property.

Investigation revealed no criminal violations occurred. The school will handle the matter internally.

**Civil Dispute 13-9392**  
**501 Maple Avenue, East**  
**September 17 at 11:20 a.m.**

A citizen reported that he was locked out of an office suite where he was storing business equipment. He initially had a verbal agreement with the building's owner to do so while the suite was being renovated. However, the building owner refused to allow access to the suite because of a perceived breach of their lease agreement terms.

MPO Sheeran advised both parties the matter was civil in nature and counseled the two regarding their options.

**Assist EMS 13-9404**  
**1000 Block Pickett Place, SW**  
**September 17 at 5:18 p.m.**

PFC Myers responded to the residence for a woman in need of help. He located her inside the residence and found she was in need of medical attention.

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue responded and transported the woman to the hospital.

**Open Door 13-9431**  
**Harmonica School of Music and Art**  
**201 Mill Street, NE, Suite F**  
**September 18 at 11:31 a.m.**

PFC Lyons responded to the business for an alarm. Upon his arrival, he located an unlocked door. PFC Lyons entered the business to look for suspicious activity.

PFC Lyons and an employee found the alarm was accidental.

**Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 13-9452**  
**Lawyers Road, NW at Abbotsford Drive**  
**September 18 at 11:15 p.m.**

MPO Shaver conducted a traffic stop. Upon interacting with the driver, he observed signs of intoxication. After failing to complete several field sobriety tests, Mr. Zsombor Kovacs, 23, of Beebe Lane in Fruitland, MD, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated.

Mr. Kovacs was transported to the Vienna Police Station for an analysis of his breath. After providing a breath sample, Mr. Kovacs was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Mr. Kovacs was to be held on a \$1,000 secured bond.

**Grand Larceny 13-9466**

**Starbucks**

**107 Maple Avenue, West**

**September 19 at 11:56 a.m.**

A citizen reported that she was in Starbucks when her credit cards were stolen from her wallet. Several attempts were made to use the credit cards at local stores.

This case is being investigated.

**Arrest - Drunk in Public 13-9465**

**100 Block Patrick Street, SE**

**September 19 at 12:38 p.m.**

A property manager for the apartment complex advised that an unknown man was passed out on a resident's balcony. The residents did not know the man.

PFC Vazquez responded and located the man. Upon his interaction with the man, PFC Vazquez observed signs of intoxication. He arrested Mr. Victor Guillen-Lopez, 36, of no fixed address, for Drunk in Public.

Mr. Guillen-Lopez was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was to be held until he is sober.

**Animal Case 13-9470**

**400 Block Center Street, North**

**September 19 at 3:30 p.m.**

ACO Barker was traveling southbound on Center Street when he noticed a large black and white border collie running at large.

ACO Barker located the dog's owner and advised him of the leash law in Vienna.

## **CRASHES**

### **Maple Avenue, East near Beulah Road, NE 13-9264**

**September 13 at 4:00 p.m.**

Two in-line vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue, East nearing the intersection of Beulah Road, NE. The driver of the first vehicle stopped for traffic. The driver of the second vehicle failed to stop before striking the first vehicle from behind.

The driver of the second vehicle was charged with Failing to Pay Full Time & Attention.

### **540 Maple Avenue, West 13-9320**

**September 14 at 4:25**

A vehicle was leaving the Mr. Wash to enter eastbound Maple Avenue, West when a pedestrian left the sidewalk and entered the roadway. The vehicle struck the pedestrian. The pedestrian indicated he was fine and left the area as the driver of the vehicle called 9-1-1.

Officer Holcombe located the pedestrian who refused medical attention and insisted he was fine.

### **100 Block Maple Avenue, East 13-9266**

**September 13 at 5:20 p.m.**

A vehicle was traveling southbound on Maple Avenue, East approaching the W&OD Trail. The driver failed to observe the red light and did not stop at the intersection.

A bicyclist was properly crossing Maple Avenue, East on the W&OD crosswalk. He was struck by the vehicle as the vehicle entered the intersection. The bicyclist was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The driver was charged with Disregarding a Traffic Signal.

### **Nutley Street, SW at Tapawingo Road, SW 13-9446**

**September 18 at 7:33 p.m.**

The driver of the first vehicle was traveling northbound on Nutley Street, SW approaching the intersection with Tapawingo Road, SW. The driver of the first vehicle was in the proper lane to proceed straight through the intersection as the light turned yellow.

The driver of the second vehicle was traveling southbound on Nutley Street, SW waiting to turn left onto eastbound Tapawingo Road, SW. As the light turned yellow, the driver of the second vehicle attempted to make the left turn before the light turned red. The second vehicle was struck by the first when it failed to yield the right of way.

The driver of the second vehicle was charged with Failing to Yield the Right of Way.

**Maple Avenue, East near East Street, SE 13-9462**

**September 19 at 12:28 p.m.**

Two in-line vehicles were traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue, East approaching East Street, SE. The first vehicle was stopped in heavy traffic. The driver of the second vehicle was not paying attention and rear ended the first vehicle.

## **MEDIA RELEASES**

None.

## **CASE UPDATES**

None.

## **OF INTEREST/ CITIZEN NOTES**

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